

# SENATE BILL No. 271

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 20-20-41.

**Synopsis:** College and career counseling grant. Establishes the college and career readiness certificate grant to assist school guidance counselors in obtaining a college and career readiness certificate from an approved postsecondary educational institution. Establishes the college and career readiness certificate grant fund. Makes an appropriation.

**Effective:** July 1, 2015.

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January 7, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Education & Career Development.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning higher education and to make an appropriation.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-20-41 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2015]:

4 **Chapter 41. College and Career Readiness Certificate Grant**  
5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "college and career readiness**  
6 **certificate" refers to a certificate offered to a guidance counselor**  
7 **by an approved postsecondary educational institution (as defined**  
8 **in IC 21-7-13-6(a)) and consisting of nine (9) to twelve (12)**  
9 **graduate credit hours of specialized training that enables the**  
10 **guidance counselor to prepare students in kindergarten through**  
11 **grade 12 for a college or career, or help them obtain workforce**  
12 **training, upon completion of high school.**

13 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "fund" refers to the college and**  
14 **career readiness certificate grant fund established by section 4 of**  
15 **this chapter.**

16 **Sec. 3. (a) The commission may award a college and career**



1 readiness certificate grant to not more than one hundred (100)  
 2 guidance counselors employed at an elementary school (as defined  
 3 in IC 20-18-2-4) or high school (as defined in IC 20-18-2-7) each  
 4 state fiscal year for costs associated with obtaining a college and  
 5 career readiness certificate at an approved postsecondary  
 6 educational institution (as defined in IC 21-7-13-6(a)). The amount  
 7 of the grant is two thousand dollars (\$2,000).

8 (b) To receive a grant under this chapter:

9 (1) the applicant must be a guidance counselor at an  
 10 elementary school or high school;

11 (2) the approved postsecondary educational institution must  
 12 agree to provide the applicant with a scholarship of at least  
 13 three thousand dollars (\$3,000); and

14 (3) the applicant or the school corporation in which the  
 15 applicant is employed agrees to pay the remainder of the costs  
 16 associated with obtaining the career and college readiness  
 17 certificate.

18 (c) An applicant shall apply for a grant under this chapter on a  
 19 form and in a manner prescribed by the commission.

20 Sec. 4. (a) The college and career readiness certificate grant  
 21 fund is established to provide grants for guidance counselors under  
 22 section 3 of this chapter.

23 (b) The fund shall be administered by the commission.

24 (c) The fund consists of the following:

25 (1) Appropriations made by the general assembly.

26 (2) Gifts, grants, or donations.

27 (3) Interest accruing from investment of money in the fund.

28 (d) Money remaining in the fund at the end of the state fiscal  
 29 year does not revert to the state general fund.

30 (e) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not  
 31 currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same  
 32 manner as other public funds may be invested.

33 (f) Interest that accrues from investment of money in the fund  
 34 shall be deposited in the fund.

35 SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015] (a) There is  
 36 appropriated to the college and career readiness certificate grant  
 37 fund established by IC 20-20-41-4, as added by this act:

38 (1) two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for the state  
 39 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016;  
 40 and

41 (2) two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for the state  
 42 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017;



1 from the state general fund for use in carrying out the purposes of  
2 the college and career readiness certificate grant fund as described  
3 in IC 20-20-41-4, as added by this act.  
4 (b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2017.

